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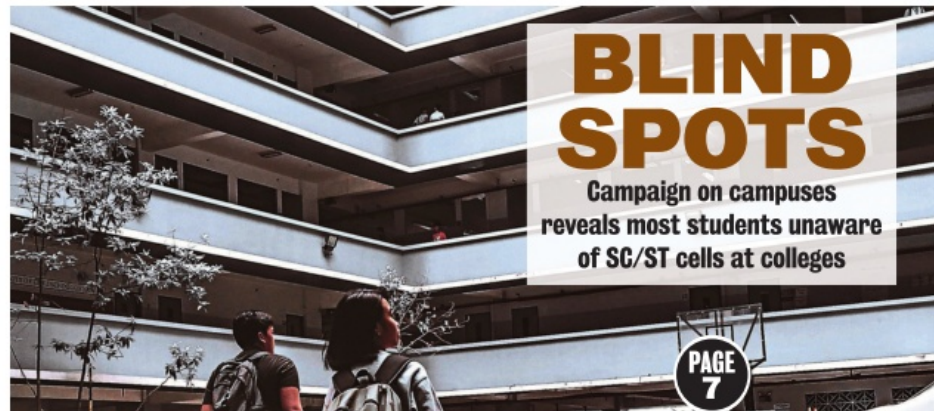
If women's safety is the question, would carrying pepper spray be the answer?



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BLIND SPOTS

Campaign on campuses reveals most students unaware of SC/ST cells at colleges



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BM speaks to experts to find out how good an idea is congestion pricing to reduce use of personal vehicles. Almost all agree that given state of public transport today, this tax would be premature

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Citizens can stop using personal vehicles only if public facilities are smooth, seamless

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In a report submitted to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) after a close analysis of responses collected from the Brand Bengaluru initiative, experts from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Ramaiah Institute of Management (RIM) have suggested the introduction of congestion pricing in order to reduce personal vehicle usage. Public transport enthusiasts say that the move, if implemented right away as it is, will be premature. They have demanded that the government provide efficient public transportation systems before introduction of any such cess.

A congestion tax is a price levied on private vehicles that enter a specific area often prone to traffic blocks, usually during peak hours. It has been successfully implemented in cities like Singapore, London, New York and many other cities in the European Union.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder of Citizen for Citizen, said that a congestion tax would be impractical in the current scenario. Instead, the state must drastically improve public transport to provide it as an alternative for those who choose to travel in their personal vehicles, he said. "Walkability and cyclability

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“Commuters will begin to demand better public transport when the road tax begins to pinch, forcing the government to change their policy approach from building tunnels and flyovers to bettering public transport

— Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor — Bengaluru Mobility/Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru

Fate of the uprooted

BMRC's recent report about success rate of tree translocation process is not telling the whole story



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Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's (BMRC) recent quarterly report on the condition of translocated trees from its various project sites between March 2021 and March 2023 shows that the overall success rate of the tree translocation process is 62.7%. However, a detailed analysis of the report reveals that the survival numbers mentioned by BMRC can be misleading and even a gross misrepresentation of facts.

According to the report, while 1,198 trees were translocated from across the city in the given period, as many as 752 trees are showing survival symptoms. However, experts point out that the report has also taken into account the trees that were translocated less than a year ago when translocated trees should be assessed only after they have completed at least a year in the new habitat.

"The report must be split into two parts. The trees that were translocated after September 2022 should not be assessed at all. Otherwise, the numbers will be misleading and will churn out a much higher success rate of translocation than the actual," said C Nagarajaiah, professor and ex-head of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science at the University of

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Craft at best

Here's a chance for you to explore artistries like block print sarees, bidriware, antique furniture, tribal jewellery, Rajasthan metal ware, Kolhapuri chappals, authentic Kashmir shawls and sarees, handicrafts from Kutch, and more at Indian Craft Collective. **Where:** Jayamahal Palace Hotel
When: until September 17



02 Kathak beats

Grab the chance to watch the graceful movers of Kathak by renowned artists today in the city. The Manasa Joshi Arts Foundation presents Goonj—where Kathak echoes in every heartbeat today. **Where:** Our School Auditorium, Banashankari 2nd Stage; **When:** Today; 5 pm onwards

03 Music concert



One of the malls in the city, Orion, is all set to host the 61st Bangalore Ganesha Utsav, featuring a 5-day lakeside concert with performances by popular artists. Don't miss the chance to watch three-time Grammy winner Ricky Kej, AGAM Band, Nakul Abhyankar, Varijashree Venugopal and troupe, DJ Jasmeet and Beat Gurus. **Where:** Lakeside Orion Mall, Brigade Gateway; **When:** Today; 6:30 pm onwards



Let's have some fun

Bengaluru-based skaters in Onam ethnic outfit skating together at Cubbon Park

Inclusivity in education: Breaking down barriers

UGC issues guidelines to help educators adapt methods to better meet requirements of students with intellectual disabilities

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In order to teach students with intellectual disabilities effectively, it is essential to understand their unique characteristics and learning challenges. Hence, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued comprehensive guidelines for educators on how to adapt their teaching methods to cater to the diverse needs of students with intellectual disabilities. One crucial aspect is assessing the understanding level of students to ensure suitable course admissions based on their mental age rather than chronological age. The UGC has asked colleges to create inclusive learning environments that are key to promoting positive attitudes and ensuring the success of students with intellectual disabilities.

Effective teaching techniques

The guidelines ask colleges and universities to implement teaching techniques such as multi-sensory approaches, simplified language, and oral instructions that can greatly enhance the learning experience for these students. For students with intellectual disabilities who also have additional disabilities, a combination of strategies and tailored support is essential.

"To effectively support students with intellectual disabilities, teachers should be provided with the necessary skills and knowledge. The first step in teaching students with intellectual disabilities is to understand the unique characteristics and challenges they face. These students often have below-average intelligence, limited cognitive abilities, and difficulty understanding cause-and-effect relationships. Their attention span is limited, and they may have poor gross and fine motor skills, as well as speech and language disorders. Recognising these traits is crucial for effective teaching," said the guidelines.

Tailoring instruction to individual needs

According to UGC guidelines, teachers should adapt their teaching methods to cater to the specific needs of students with intellectual disabilities. These students may struggle with multiple instructions, require more reaction time, and benefit from concrete examples before moving to abstractions. Experiential learning tends to be more effective than traditional lecture methods for them.

Assessing and admitting students

Admission for students with intellectual disabilities should be based on their mental age rather than their chronological age. An-



The guidelines stated that experimental learning tends to be more effective than traditional methods

alysing their understanding level is essential to ensuring they are placed in suitable courses. This approach aligns education with their capabilities and fosters better outcomes.

"Creating an inclusive learning environment is crucial to building positive attitudes towards students with intellectual disabilities. Workshops, alternative diploma courses, and mentorship opportunities can help these students integrate into higher education and the labour market. Teaching strategies for students with intellectual disabilities should include multi-sensory approaches, simplified language, and oral instructions. Lessons should progress from concrete to abstract, and note-takers can be provided to address

writing challenges due to poor motor coordination," added the guidelines.

Supporting students with additional disabilities

For students with both intellectual disabilities and additional disabilities such as cerebral palsy or autism, a combination of strategies and tailored support is essential. Customised aids and augmentative and alternative communication systems (AAC) may be required. "Teachers should receive the necessary training and knowledge to effectively support students with intellectual disabilities. This includes understanding their needs and creating inclusive environments," it mentioned.

Defence mechanism

As rape cases touch 91 in city, BM takes a look at the laws pertaining to pepper spray and what women feel about carrying it

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As cities turn more unsafe for women, many turn to having some tactic of self-defence. One among these is the use of pepper spray. But people also wonder if the use of pepper spray against a harasser/attacker is legally allowed. Police officials say there is no legal framework covering the use of pepper spray as of now.

Pepper spray is a defence tool popularly used by women in Western countries against attackers. Though carrying a pepper spray provides a level of safety, women activists say that pepper spray is a stop-gap measure.

From January till July this year, Bengaluru saw 91 cases of rape. The state witnessed a total number of 337 cases of rape in 2023.

Women activists say that carrying pepper spray can be quite effective in certain situations. "Pepper sprays are quite effective against attackers. I have been living alone for many years and it has played a major role

"I was walking back to my hotel at around 6:30 pm and a guy was following me. I could sense bad intentions from the guy as he was whistling and catcalling me. I sprayed pepper on his face and ran to my hotel"



in keeping me safe.

Having it in my bag provides first-hand protection from any damage. More than physical protection, it's a feeling of safety. In some cases, it might not be effective at all but

women feel safer stepping out carrying pepper spray.

If we do have to use the pepper spray, it can buy us ample time to make calls or dial the women's helpline number," said a woman.

Paati Purohit, gender consultant and researcher at Arthan told BM she usually carries it when she is travelling to a different city for work. She said of the time she had to use it.

"I used pepper spray two years back when I started work. I was walking back to my hotel at around 6:30 pm and a guy was following me. I could sense bad intentions from the guy as he was whistling and catcalling me. I sprayed pepper on his face and ran to my hotel.

The area was supposed to be relatively safer but I had this traumatic experience. Days later, I was glad that I had pepper spray as it made me feel safe," Purohit said.

Women activists also add that pepper spray is a stop-gap measure but the real problem runs deeper. "Society must have a pepper spray of the mind. Anybody having to attack anyone is not right.

We need the democratisation of families and societies. In the education sector, children should be taught how to behave with a person be it a woman, a man or transgender. We need to teach them to treat people with human dignity. In a familial setting, each one should respect the other and all should be taught how not to encroach on spaces," said KS Vimala, feminist.

She said even today, the values imbibed by society are such that treat women as second-class citizens. "Even if a woman normalises her husband beating her wife, it's not her fault but the society that has inculcated such values," said Vimala.

Police officials said that it was not illegal to use pepper spray. "There is no law that prohibits the use of pepper spray. There is no licence required to own a pepper spray either," said a senior police official.

'Lift' loot: Robbers offer rides to commit crime

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Three people have been detained by the Kamakshipalya police for allegedly committing many robberies across the city. Police said the three men would volunteer to take anyone they saw on the street home and then rob the unsuspecting victims. The police said with this, they have solved at least three cases that were filed at three different police stations in the city.

The accused have been identified as Nanjunda, Girish, and Naveen. Naveen is a taxi driver for a private business. The crime was committed in the taxi owned by a travel agency.

The three accused would find their victims at bus stations, and would offer to drop off people waiting for buses. Once a passenger was inside, they drove to a remote location, where they threatened the person using sharp objects and robbed them.

The perpetrators would then dump the victims at the scene after robbing them of cash, gold jewellery, and forced money transfers via UPI. They would also take all the cell phones.

One of the victims reported the crime to the police earlier this week, and on the basis of that complaint, the police started looking for the suspects.

Three cases that were filed at the police stations in Jnanabharathi, Annapoorneshwarinagar, and Kamakshipalya have been resolved as a result of the arrest of the three. To determine if the suspects were involved in more similar crimes, the police are questioning them.

Ganesha idols, now available on rent

New concept proving to be cost effective and greener as these PoP idols have to be returned to vendors

As Ganeshotsav season approaches, a novel trend is gaining traction among idol makers and sellers. They are now offering Ganesha idols on rent, a concept that is gaining popularity due to its cost-effectiveness and environmental considerations. The demand for rental idols has surged, particularly for those crafted with plaster of paris (PoP).

M Srinivas Ganesh Murthy, a Ganesha idol vendor, noted the increasing interest in renting idols. Many households and Ganeshotsav mandals prefer to opt for twin idols, typically one made of clay and the other of PoP.

After the processions, clay idols are immersed in water, while the PoP idols are returned. These PoP idols can be preserved for use later. Guru Prasad, another seller, highlighted the environmental friendliness of the practice, as PoP idols are not immersed.

This rental system offers flexibility,



ranging from a single day to as long as the organisers desire. Rental prices vary between Rs 2,000 and Rs 10,000, contingent upon the idol's size. Notably, a 16-foot PoP Ganesha idol retails for Rs 70,000 to Rs 80,000, making the rental approach a more

cost-effective solution.

However, conditions apply, including an initial refundable deposit, advanced payment of the rental amount, and the organisers bearing transportation expenses.

Despite the ban on PoP idols, their

use continues in the city. Statistics from 2022 reveal that around 7.5 percent of immersed idols were PoP-based. While the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) acknowledges a reduction in PoP idols over recent years, they are actively monitoring compliance. "In 2016, the share of PoP idols was as high as 40%," said an official. The official added that PoP share has decreased notably since then.

According to KSPCB, PoP idols have an adverse impact on oxygen levels, and the lead used in their preparation adversely affects the heart and kidneys. Also if these non-biodegradable PoP idols are immersed, water bodies suffer severe consequences as they do not easily dissolve, leading to reducing depth of water.

Single window agency

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has issued guidelines

for providing permission for public Ganeshotsav. Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said a single window set up is in place to streamline the permission process for idol installation and related activities. This system involves 63 sub-divisions, including BBMP, BESCOM, Police, and Fire Departments. Nodal officers have been designated for monitoring centers to facilitate quick approval for idol installations.

Applicants can provide the required documents, sign the cover letter, and obtain any objection letters. BBMP has banned the usage of Ganesha idols made out of plaster of paris.

Nath issued an order directing zonal authorities to implement precautionary measures that include halting the production of Ganesha idols using prohibited materials and ensuring the proper disposal of idols and festival waste following environmental guidelines.

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Midnight builder's encore: Noise pollution returns

Illegal night time construction resumes at CV Raman Nagar

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After nearly a month-long hiatus, illegal construction activities have once again resumed in the residential sub-locality of CV Raman Nagar. Despite persistent complaints from concerned residents, Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd has resumed construction operations, reigniting issues surrounding noise pollution during the late-night hours.

Persisting for more than six months now, nighttime construction was stopped for a brief period recently after residents lodged a series of complaints with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). After receiving the complaints, the pollution watchdog issued three notices to Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd over the last five months for violating the Karnataka High Court's order on nighttime construction activities (between 10 pm and 6 am). The third and last



Night time construction was stopped for a brief period after Karnataka State Pollution Control Board served notice to the builders. But residents allege that construction has resumed since Wednesday

notice for violating various norms at their construction site was sent on June 21.

This was after KSPCB conducted an inspection of the site on June 13 and came across multiple violations. The notice sent to the director of Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd highlighted that the violations are serious, and further action will be initiated if no satisfactory reply with an action taken report is received by KSPCB within seven days of the notice receipt.

Notably, the board had inspected the site earlier this year as well, and the first notice for non-compliance with rules was sent to tech park authorities on February 10. However, the inspection conducted in June revealed that none of the violations highlighted by the Board in its first notice were removed.

According to an action taken re-

Trucks are carrying iron rods during late night hours and earth movers are also being used, creating a lot of noise pollution in the area

— A resident

port by KSPCB on September 7, Bagmane project authorities a reply to KSPCB on July 30 and then again on August 16, stating that no construction activity is being carried out during the night hours. After receiving the reply, KSPCB officials inspected the construction site on August 22 and September 2.

"The project site was inspected on August 22 and September 2 at about 11 pm and observed that no construction was going on during

the night and they are adhering to the High Court of Karnataka's order concerning working hours," said the action taken report by KSPCB, a copy of which is with BM.

However, residents allege that late-night construction has resumed since Wednesday.

"Nighttime construction has begun again. Trucks are carrying iron rods during late night hours and earthmovers are also being used, creating a lot of noise pollution. The workers have yet again resorted to working at night with lights off. It appears that the builder was just waiting for the period of inspection to get over to resume nighttime work.

However, we have again written an email to KSPCB with pictures and videos of construction activities on Thursday night," said a resident of the area.

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Garbage pileup

Sanjay Nagar



Garbage has been accumulating in AECS Layout, Sanjay Nagar (1st stage) for a month due to BBMP's negligence.

Roadblock chaos

Yelahanka



Parked vehicles are blocking roads, causing inconvenience to pedestrians, while garbage is spoiling the Nehru Nagar area in Yelahanka.

Work delay

Jayanagar



The roads at the 36th and 38th crossroads in Jayanagar 5th block are in terrible condition. Despite pipe-laying efforts starting in May 2023, the situation remains unresolved.

Good idea? Cess to clear traffic mess

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around a 500-metre radius of metro and railway stations must be perfected in terms of seamless footpaths and pedestrian crossings. This would significantly reduce issues of first and last-mile connectivity, and decrease the number of vehicles as an effect," he explained, adding that bus, metro as well as suburban rail services must be increased with adequate multi-modal integration.

Ashwin Mahesh, an urbanist, said that a congestion tax makes sense in areas that provide significant employment as it would reduce the personal vehicle movement of employees causing congestion on a daily basis. "The city does not have a downtown of its own where the

concentration of employment is very high. Jobs are scattered across the outer portions of the city. How to apply the tax must be well thought out, or it will lead to a sprawl," he said, pointing out that employers may choose to move their establishments to other areas that do not levy a charge.

He further stressed on the need for an abundance of public transportation before the tax is introduced and addressing basic level infrastructure problems like pothole-free roads.

On the other hand, Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor - Bengaluru Mobility / Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, said that implementation of a congestion tax is not a bad idea. "Those who use private vehicles take up a large portion of the road and

parking spaces while a pedestrian barely uses any. It is a discriminatory use of public space. To bring about equity, a congestion tax must be introduced. One can use public transport at subsidised rates or pay a price for using their private vehicles," he explained.

He further said that the implementation of the policy would not be much work if Near Field Communication (NFC) cards were mandated. "Detectors can be set up at required points, and the initiative can be taken up by the traffic and road departments in collaboration. Vehicles will be monitored when they enter a congestion zone and will be billed accordingly. Parking charges can also be charged to the same account and everything would be monitored," he said. When asked

about those who do not have access to reliable public transport as an alternative, he said, "Commuters will begin to demand better public transport when the road tax begins to pinch, forcing the government to change their policy approach from building tunnels and flyovers to bettering public transport."

The report also says that area parking plans must be prepared in compliance with the parking policy of the city and must be implemented as well as managed through professional agencies to regulate parking in the city.

"Parking charges must be imposed at all parking locations in the city. This is quickly doable intervention and should ideally be implemented on an immediate basis," it reads.

Minor party-hoppers turning major headache

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Central Crime Branch (CCB) police have raided pubs across the city late at night for providing alcohol and allegedly supplying drugs to minors. CCB police raided pubs and hookah bars, detained several people, and are interrogating them. It was found that minors went to the pub using a fake Aadhaar card. CCB detected digital fake Aadhaar cards. It has also been found that minors were caught consuming drugs.

Sources told BM that the use of fake

IDs to enter clubs is a common practice.

"From what I have noticed, they do check IDs properly when it's still early, but after 10 pm the bouncers don't care much. Also, creating fake IDs isn't a very difficult task; you just have to know the basics of editing. In the club, it's not mandatory to show the hard copy of the Aadhaar; one can show an edited soft copy," said the source.

He added that the ID card is not asked for by the club while serving drinks but just at the time of entry.

Ruhi, a working professional, said, "I often visit pubs and clubs during the weekend, and you can identify that nowadays they're filled with people that don't

look older than 18."

R Shashivarma Shetty of 4S NGO says that he has come across cases where minors would take money from their parents for a different purpose and then spend the money on drugs and alcohol.

"It's difficult to control today's kids. There are cases where kids would say that they would stop going to school if they were not given a certain amount of pocket money, and in many cases, that pocket money is being used for drugs. There is a need for stringent action by the police department to curb these crimes. Also, the owners of the clubs should also be held accountable if they are allowing minors to enter the club," he said.



CCB detected digital fake Aadhaar cards of minors in pubs

A buzzing concern

Population of bees in foraging on mango flowers went down by about 75-80%; high temperatures negatively impact bees, reveals study

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As Bengaluru's summer keeps getting hotter, the city's bee population is facing a serious threat. Researchers from the ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticulture Research, Bengaluru, have deduced that high temperatures negatively impact bees in multiple ways. A study conducted by researchers on a bee population in a mango orchard shows that with the increase in temperature beyond 32 degrees Celsius, the number of active bees foraging on mango flowers went down by about 75-80%.

"Bee population was maximum at 26-30 degrees Celsius range and came down drastically when the temperature went above 32 degrees," said PV Rami Reddy, the lead researcher of the study.

Experts say since honey bees and other insects are ectothermic or cold-blooded, unlike human beings or higher animals, they do not have internal mechanisms to regulate body temperature and need to put effort into managing it. They also spend a lot of energy maintaining their colonies. The relatively lower activity of bees at higher temperatures could be due to the increased efforts needed by their colony life, which demands worker bees spend more time regulating hive temperature.

Data on the pollinator activity of the bees also indicated that high temperatures significantly affected their foraging activity. Researchers recorded a 68% variability in the foraging activity of bees when temperatures surged above 32 degrees Celsius. They opine that surrounding temperature determines bees' foraging activity and their behavioural responses, and extreme temperatures could significantly impact pollination services.



A 68% variability in foraging activity of bees have been recorded

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—PV Rami Reddy, researcher

change on plant-pollinator interactions in horticultural crops. Experts say that, of late, climate change has emerged as one of the important factors that affect pollinators.

"The idea behind the study was to understand how different species of pollinators, especially honey bees, respond to an increase in temperature. We have taken mangoes as a test crop because it is the largest cultivated and economically important fruit crop in India, and insects play a significant role in mango pollination. If we know the vulnerability or adaptability of different species, we can identify the resilient ones that can be used to mitigate climate change consequences," said the researchers.

With an already declining pollinator population owing to factors

such as the use of pesticides and loss of habitat, higher temperatures leading to lower pollinators' foraging activity would affect the pollination service of more than 70% of crops, including fruits, vegetables, oil seeds, spices, nuts, etc., say the experts. They underline the need to conserve native and natural populations of pollinators.

"To cope with these adverse effects, we need to avoid burning field bunds or follows, reduce the use of toxic insecticides during peak flowering stages, emphasise non-bee pollinators like flies, grow bee-friendly plants around fields, and enhance farmers' awareness on the importance of pollinators," said Reddy.

The study was published in the Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems journal.

Court quashes FIR against 'breath test evading' pilot

The Delhi High Court has quashed an FIR against former Air India pilot Arvind Kathpalia for alleged violations of aircraft rules, including evading a breath analyser test and forgery.

Kathpalia had filed a petition seeking the quashing of the FIR for alleged offences of destruction of evidence, criminal conspiracy, forgery, and using forged documents as genuine under the Indian Penal Code and under the provisions of the Aircraft Act.

He was removed from his position as the director of operations at Air India in November 2018 after failing a pre-flight alcohol test, citing the serious nature of the transgression and his failure to correct it.

The court ruled that the allegations were insufficient to make a case against him. Justice Saurabh Banerjee stated that Kathpalia, who is now retired, cannot be subjected to "double jeopardy" for the same offence, especially after being cleared in disciplinary proceedings. The court's order said that continuing the FIR would put Kathpalia through the same ordeal again for the same offence.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, representing Kathpalia, argued that the chairman of Air India found the allegations of forgery unsubstantiated in February 2020 and closed the disciplinary case against him.

Singh contended that the FIR should be quashed, as the charges against Kathpalia had already been dismissed within Air India. The prosecutor opposed the petition, alleging that Kathpalia had made a forged entry and had ample opportunities to undergo a breath analyser test but failed to follow the procedure.

The high court's order stated that once Air India had closed the disciplinary proceedings against Kathpalia due to a lack of merits, there was no valid reason for the criminal prosecution to continue. The court stressed that when exoneration is based on merit and innocence has been proven, there is no fruitful purpose in continuing criminal proceedings on the same facts. According to the police, Kathpalia operated a flight from New Delhi to Bengaluru on January 19, 2017, without undergoing the mandatory pre-flight breath analyser test and refused to undergo a similar test upon arrival in Bengaluru.

Allegedly, he made a false entry in the Pre-Flight Breath Analyser Examination Register upon returning to New Delhi.

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From heat to cold spell

Rainfall deficits grip south interior Karnataka amidst unusual weather shifts

Since Thursday, the city received 251 mm of rainfall out of the anticipated 324 mm, resulting in a deficit

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After enduring an unexpected 'summer in the rain,' Bengaluru is about to embrace an unusual 'chill' in the air for the next three to four days. India Meteorological Department scientist A Prasad explained that the city is expected to witness this colder weather primarily during the early morning and evening hours. This change in weather patterns can be attributed to heavy rainfall in the coastal regions, resulting in cloudy conditions for Bengaluru. Prasad also highlighted the concerning issue of severe rainfall shortages in seven districts of south interior Karnataka. For instance, Kodagu, a vital catchment district for the Cauvery River, is grappling with a rainfall deficit of 47%, while Hassan is facing a shortage of 42%. "The current weather system indicates a wind shear zone at altitudes ranging from 3.1 km to 2.6 km, potentially bringing rainfall to north interior regions. Coastal areas, which typically experience northwesterly winds, are now witnessing westerly winds, likely leading to precipitation

in those regions. Over the next four days, south interior Karnataka may receive light to moderate rainfall, while Bengaluru is anticipated to have similar weather conditions for seven days. The majority of the rainfall is expected in the afternoon, accompanied by strong surface winds reaching speeds of up to 35 kmph," he said.

KRS water level falls below 100 feet again

The depleting water level at Krishnaraja Sagar Reservoir (KRS) is becoming increasingly worrisome. Previously, KRS had reached a water storage level of 113 feet, the highest for this year, in comparison to its full capacity of 124.80 feet. However, the reservoir has now witnessed a decline to less than 98 feet, marking the lowest storage level in the past six years, according to sources from Cauvery Neeravari Nigam.

This means that the reservoir currently holds a mere 17 TMC of water, which is sufficient to meet demands for the next two months. It is concerning to note that we are discussing this issue in September, which is typically part of the peak monsoon season. However, with the South West monsoon expected to withdraw

“This change in weather patterns can be attributed to heavy rainfall in the coastal regions, resulting in cloudy conditions for Bengaluru

—A Prasad, Scientist, India Meteorological Department

by October 15, the chances of the reservoir receiving adequate water later are diminishing. The KRS, with a storage capacity of 49.452 TMC, has been unable to reach its full capacity due to meager rainfall in the catchment area. Examining historical data for low water storage levels on September 1st, we find the following statistics: 102.75 feet in 2002, 94.12 feet in 2003, 103.36 feet in 2012, 103.67 feet in 2015, 98.80 feet in 2016, and 98.90 feet in 2017, said officials.

In the Cauvery basin, there are three other major reservoirs, each with varying levels of water storage. Harangi, situated upstream of KRS, currently holds 87% of its water storage capacity, offering a relatively bet-

ter situation. Meanwhile, the Hemavathi reservoir near Gorur has a significantly lower storage level, with only 57% capacity, and Kabini stands at 71% of its water storage. Turning to the Krishna basin reservoirs, the scenario remains challenging. Bhadra has 63% water storage, Tungbhadra has 67%, Ghataprabha has 82%, Malaprabha has 57%, Almatti has 95%, and Narayanapura has 77% of their respective water storage capacities. Additionally, hydel reservoirs are experiencing a rapid decline in water levels, with Linganamakki having just 45% storage, Supa at 53%, and Varahi at a mere 30%, as per the data from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Committee (KSNDMC).

Contrastingly, Bengaluru has witnessed excessive rainfall from September 1st to 7th. The urban district received 81 mm of rainfall during this week, surpassing the expected average of 36 mm, indicating an excess of 128%. However, when considering the overall southwest monsoon for Bengaluru Urban from June 1st to September 7th, the city received 251 mm of rainfall out of the anticipated 324 mm, resulting in a deficit.

Too soon to celebrate tree success

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When the numbers are segregated based on the timeline and the report is scrutinised, the actual survival rate of these trees turns out to be merely 17%. Out of 1,198 trees translocated, 358 trees were translocated before September 2022 and only 62 showed signs of survival. As many as 296 trees had no signs of survival symptoms.

Experts say while newly transplanted trees might start getting leaf buds, new shoots, tree branchlets, and new leaves a few days post-translocation, these signs do not imply survival.

Out of the 358 trees translocated before September 2022, only 62 showed signs of survival

"There is no point assessing trees' translocation in the later months of the last year as nothing can be said with certainty. In some cases, stored food in the translocated tree might lead to the development of root system and leaf initiation. However, this does not indicate that the tree in question will survive the process in the long run," said a city-based botanist.

Interestingly, BMRC's report does mention that some trees exhibit new sprouts within a few weeks which may be due to the presence of adequate stored food reserves. Under such circumstances, new sprouts will not survive for long and may wither soon. The report also says that the transplanted trees have to withstand the test of at least one year, covering all three seasons, to consider them to be successful transplantation cases.

"Apart from inflating the success rate of the tree translocation process, another drawback of premature assessment of translocated trees is that these trees, in all probability, will not be reassessed in the future as they have already been included in the report," said the botanist.

Concerns arise over functionality of KC Valley project's STPs

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In a recent study, researchers have raised concerns about the proper functioning of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) linked to the Karnataka-Challaghatta Valley project, also known as the KC Valley Project. The study, based on data from the BWSSB portal, highlights instances where treated water has exceeded regulatory limits, and several STPs have not been consistently updating their data.

The KC Valley Project, initiated in 2018, aimed to treat 440 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage water for

distribution to districts including Kolar and Chikkaballapur. However, researchers from Paani.Earth says that as per the data uploaded on the BWSSB portal, the Real Time Continuous Treated Sewerage Water Quality Monitoring Stations show case that 2 out of 5 STPs have not uploaded any data online for the past 7 months. 2 out of 5 STPs are reporting COD and BOD multiple violations. The Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System was set up in 2020 as per the directions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for the self-surveillance of STPs.

From January to July 2023, KC valley-218 and KC valley-30 STPs didn't report any data, Kadubeesanahalli-50 STP reported only 41% of the time,



Treated waste water is channelled to Dakshina Pinakini river basin

and Bellandur Ammani Kere -90 STP reported only 21% of the time. KC Valley-60 STP fared better, with 86% reporting. The Kadubeesanahalli-50 STP, which managed to report data only 41% of the time, breached COD limits 1175 times. BOD limits were breached 1052 times.

KC Valley-60, which managed to report data 86% of the time, breached COD limits 226 times. BOD limits were breached 8 times as per their study. The study was conducted by analysing the hourly data from the BWSSB portal for seven months.

While the exact reason for the discrepancy is unknown, researchers suspect that the SIM cards of online sensors might not have been recharged. The BWSSB portal is maintained by AxisNano Technology Pvt Ltd and manages all the real-time monitoring of STPs.

However, researchers say that when they visited BWSSB's Doddabele and Vrishabhavathi Valley STPs, during an informal discussion with the BWSSB engineers they learnt that the

SIM cards of the online sensors were not recharged regularly and therefore the sensors were not transmitting data online. They also found out that BWSSB had let AxisNano's contract expire.

The study was part of a larger series overlooking wastewater reuse. "We need to discuss the riskier aspects of wastewater reuse and mitigate the problems. In terms of environmental impact assessment, we need to understand the project in the context of the river basin. In the case of the KC Valley project, it is the Dakshina Pinakini and Palar River basin. We observed that the treated wastewater is being channelled into dry river beds," said Nirmala Gowda of Paani. Earth.

Discrimination denial

Campaign by youth organisation reveals students in city colleges are unaware about existence of SC/ST cells on campus

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All colleges are supposed to have an SC/ST cell on campus, but apparently students have no clue about such a provision. This was among the findings of a campaign done by Collective, a left-leaning youth organisation, to initiate proactive SC/ST cells in the city's colleges.

SC/ST cells have the responsibility of ensuring effective implementation of the reservation policy in admission, recruitment, allotment of staff quarters, hostels among other aspects. They are also supposed to document data with regard to implementation of the policies and analyse trends to implement changes in order to fulfill the required quota. They are meant to equip SC/ST students with the knowledge of various government schemes and scholarships created for their welfare while also acting as a grievance cell that addresses complaints regarding discrimination and harassment.

Shalom, a member of the Collective, said that caste discrimination is an issue that needs to be tackled by students on campus. "In February this year, when a skit by Jain University students gained much attention and the death of Darshan Solanki in IIT Bombay occurred, we realised that student movements only react after an incident has occurred. In the aftermath of such incidents, there are campaigns and protests demanding that institutions take action and give justice, after which FIRs are filed. We wanted to run a preventive measure campaign," she said, explaining the motive behind the campaign. She added that the responses to the campaign have been varied. However, she pointed out that many are unaware of the existence of SC/ST cells itself.

"A lot of students acknowledged the issue and the need for an SC/ST cell. However, almost all of the students we came across were not aware of an SC/ST cell being present on their campuses. Forget if these cells are functional or not, students being unaware itself becomes a fundamental issue," she said.

Collective visited UVCE, Government Arts College, City College, RC College, Acharya College and Maharani College for a signature campaign and interacted with students. They have also written to Jagadeesha G, the Collegiate Commissioner of the state.

Mandate changes

SC/ST cells had to be mandatorily constituted across all colleges, universities and deemed-to-be universities in the nation since the 1990s. However, since then the University Grants Commission (UGC)

has made a number of changes to the mandate. As part of the tenth Five-year Plan, in 2002, the UGC made a decision to financially assist higher educational institutions that fall under Section 2(f) and 12(b) of the UGC Act to manage constituted SC/ST cells. Headed by a senior faculty member with a designated office space on the campus premises, the cells were to receive an assistance of Rs 50,000 per annum.

In 2012, Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutes Regulations was introduced by the UGC, mandating colleges to constitute an equal opportunity cell or caste-based discrimination cell.

Recently, in April 2023, rules were once again amended to remove mandates for a separate SC/ST cell. According to the Redressal of Grievances of Students 2023, higher educational institutions are mandated to form a Students' Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) led by a professor from the faculty of the college. A further breakdown shows that the committee must constitute four faculty members along with a student representative, with a mandate of the cell consisting at least

one SC, ST and woman member. The recent rules have received much slack for many believe that it has led to the dilution of the policy set aside particularly for the protection of SC/ST students instead of strengthening the mechanism of grievance redressal.

UGC has announced the formation of an expert panel in August to look into the various regulations and schemes meant for students from SC/ST communities in higher educational institutions.

All policies are not equal

Shalom noted that the campaign did not delve into finding out if the cells were functioning effectively and the members were constituted according to the regulations but rather looked into the level of awareness among students. She said that the lack of awareness must be solely blamed on the administration of colleges.

"A stark comparison that can be made is the implementation of anti-ragging policies. Most of the students we interacted with were aware of this particular policy. It is the administration's responsibility to ensure that the details regarding SC/ST cells are mentioned during

SC/ST cells had to be formed at all colleges, universities and deemed-to-be universities since the 1990s. The mandate has been changed by UGC since then

orientation and are put up on notice boards too," she said, adding that the procedure for redressal along with other required contacts must also be widely published in the premises to ensure accessibility. "The fact that the college itself is taking an anti-caste stance must be communicated, especially to students who are newly joining the college," she said.

Some student activists also pointed to the lack of sensitisation on campuses. "I think the recent incident at Jain University laid bare the state of sensitisation at the city's private colleges. It is the job of SC/ST cells to ensure that justice is served to students facing everyday discrimination. From the accounts we hear in our everyday organising among students as well as events that manage to come to mainstream media show the sad state of affairs," said Aratrika, a member of the All India Students' Association (AISA). She added that there cannot be a functioning SC/ST cell in colleges in the absence of a student union that can put pressure on the administration, urging the government to revoke the ban on student unions.



It is the college administration's responsibility to ensure that the details regarding SC/ST cells are mentioned during orientation and they are put up on notice boards too

— Shalom, member of Collective



STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO



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Wake-up call: Maintain this lake

Residents raise concern before Ganesha Chaturthi about cleanliness of Kalyani at Kaikondrahalli Lake; say tank has transformed into dumping ground for waste materials

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Residents of Kaikondrahalli are once again anxiously awaiting intervention as the Kaikondrahalli Lake's Kalyani remains neglected and choked with waste. It's been a year since the last time the Ganesha idols were immersed in the Kalyani; however, a year later, the Kalyani has still not been cleared up. The residents complained that despite numerous appeals and follow-ups with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ward officials, the Kalyani has not been adequately cleaned up for over a year.

"After months of follow-up, only one part of the Kalyani was cleaned up, and the other part was left as it was. Some of the idols immersed were floating in the water. And there is a lot of silt accumulation in the Kalyani that has blocked the outlet pipe, and water does not seem to flow out," said Shilpi Sahu, a resident of the area. The residents stated that the primary cause of concern is the mounting waste. "The recent heavy

rains have worsened the situation. Water stagnation in Kalyani has become a breed-



The water in Kalyani has turned greenish-black

ing ground for mosquitoes, posing a severe health hazard to the residents," added Sahu, another resident.

Furthermore, residents pointed out that one of the major challenges is the frequent transfer of ward engineers.

When they attempt to contact officials, they encounter new appointees, which makes it difficult for them to address their complaints. With this, the grievances are not being addressed well.

"We have raised other issues in the Bellandur ward, such as waste management, drainage problems, and road works. There is a list of 61 issues that have been posted with the officials, but no action has been taken," said Valli Bhauvana, another concerned resident.

The clean-up of the Kalyani is always done a week before the festival, whereas the ideal approach would be to clean it immediately after the festival to prevent mosquito breeding. "The water has turned greenish-black, and the Kalyani has transformed into a dumping ground for waste materials," a resident informed anonymously.

When BM attempted to contact BBMP officials for comment, they were unavailable.

AI is a guzzler

Tech developers acknowledge that growing demand for their AI tools carries hefty costs, from costly semiconductors to an increase in water consumption

The cost of building an artificial intelligence product like ChatGPT can be hard to measure.

But one thing is clear: Microsoft-backed OpenAI needed for its technology was plenty of water, pulled from the watershed of the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers in central Iowa to cool a powerful supercomputer as it helped teach its AI systems how to mimic human writing.

As they race to capitalise on a craze for generative AI, leading tech developers including Microsoft, OpenAI and Google have acknowledged that growing demand for their AI tools carries hefty costs, from expensive semiconductors to an increase in water consumption.

But they're often secretive about the specifics. Few people in Iowa knew about its status as the birthplace of OpenAI's most advanced large language model, GPT-4, before a top Microsoft executive said in a speech it "was literally made next to cornfields west of Des Moines."

Building a large language model requires analysing patterns across a huge trove of human-written text. All of that computing takes a lot of electricity and generates a lot of heat. To keep it cool on hot days, data centers need to pump in water — often to a cooling tower outside its warehouse-sized buildings.

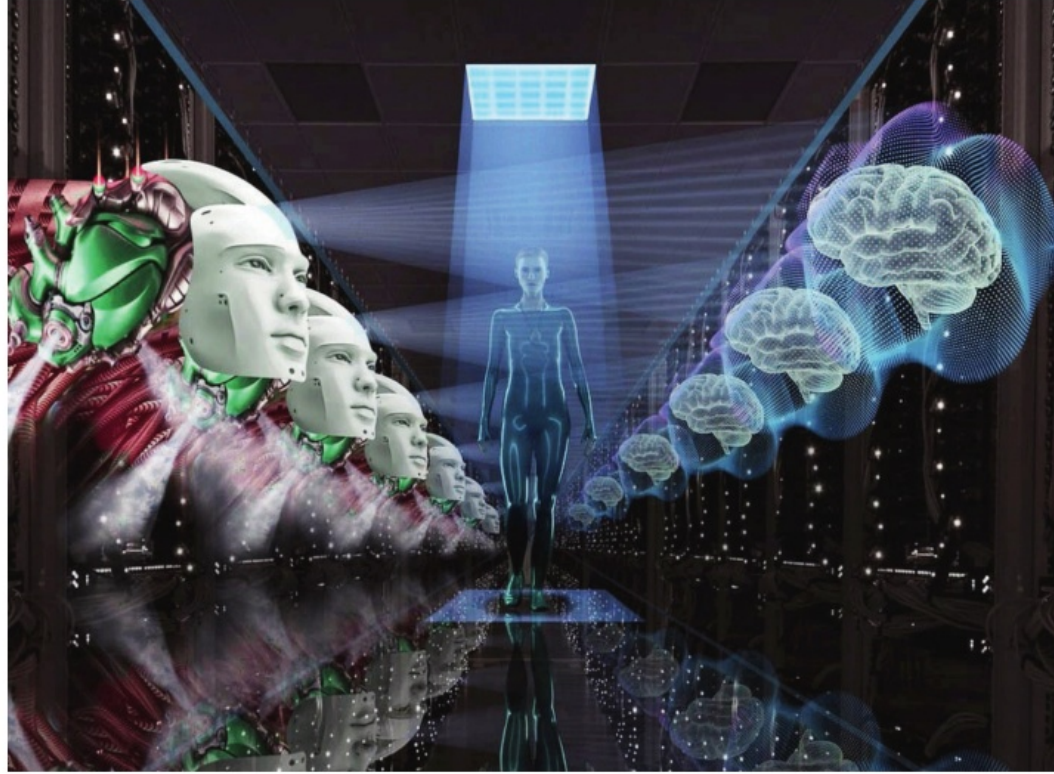
In its latest environmental report, Microsoft disclosed that its global water consumption spiked 34% from 2021 to 2022 (to nearly 1.7 billion gallons, or more than 2,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools), a sharp increase compared to previous years that outside researchers tie to its AI research.

"It's fair to say the majority of the growth is due to AI," including "its heavy investment in generative AI and partnership with OpenAI," said Shaolei Ren, a researcher at the University of California, Riverside who has been trying to calculate the environmental impact of generative AI products such as ChatGPT.

In a paper due to be published later this year, Ren's team estimates ChatGPT gulps up 500 milliliters of water (close to what's in a 16-ounce water bottle) every time you ask it a series of between 5 to 50 prompts or questions.

Google reported a 20% growth in water use in the same period, which Ren also largely attributes to its AI work.

In response to questions from The Associated Press, Microsoft said in a statement this week that it is investing in research to measure AI's energy and carbon footprint "while working on ways to



make large systems more efficient, in both training and application."

'Will monitor use'

"We will continue to monitor our emissions, accelerate progress while increasing our use of clean energy to power data centers, purchasing renewable energy, and other efforts to meet our sustainability goals of being carbon negative, water positive and zero waste by 2030," the company's statement said. OpenAI echoed those comments in its own statement Friday, saying it's giving "considerable thought" to the best use of computing power. "We recognise training large models can be energy and water-intensive" and work to improve efficiencies, it said.

Microsoft made its first \$1 billion investment in San Francisco-based OpenAI in 2019, more than two years before the startup intro-

In July 2022 Microsoft pumped in about 11.5 million gallons of water to its cluster of Iowa data centers, according to the West Des Moines Water Works. That amounted to about 6% of all the water used in the district, which also supplies drinking water to the city's residents

duced ChatGPT and sparked worldwide fascination with AI advancements. As part of the deal, the software giant would supply computing power needed to train the AI models.

Fast work

To do at least some of that work, the two companies looked to West Des Moines, Iowa, a city of 68,000 people where Microsoft has been amassing data centers to power its cloud computing services for more than a decade. Its fourth and fifth data centers are due to open there later this year. "They're building them as fast as they can," said Steve Gaer, who was the city's mayor when Microsoft came to town. Gaer said the company was attracted to the city's commitment to building public infrastructure and contributed a "staggering" sum of money through tax payments that support that investment.

"But, you know, they were pretty secretive on what they're doing out there," he added.

Microsoft first said it was developing one of the world's most powerful supercomputers for OpenAI in 2020, declining to reveal its location to AP at the time but describing it as a "single system" with more than 285,000 cores of conventional semiconductors, and 10,000 graphics processors — a kind of chip that's become crucial to AI workloads. Experts have said it can make sense to "pretrain" an AI model at a single location because of the large amounts of data that need to be transferred between computing cores.

It wasn't until late May that Microsoft's president, Brad Smith, disclosed that it had built its "advanced AI supercomputing data center" in Iowa, exclusively to enable OpenAI to train what has become its fourth-generation model, GPT-4. The model now powers premium versions of ChatGPT and some of Microsoft's own products and has accelerated a debate about containing AI's societal risks.

In some ways, West Des Moines is a relatively efficient place to train a powerful AI system, especially compared to Microsoft's data centers in Arizona that consume far more water for the same computing demand.

"So if you are developing AI models within Microsoft, then you should schedule your training in Iowa instead of in Arizona," Ren said. For much of the year, Iowa's weather is cool enough for Microsoft to use outside air to keep the supercomputer running properly and vent heat out of the building. Only when the temperature exceeds 29.3 degrees Celsius (about 85 degrees Fahrenheit) does it withdraw water, the company has said in a public disclosure.

In 2022, a document from the West Des Moines Water Works said it and the city government "will only consider future data center projects" from Microsoft if those projects can "demonstrate and implement technology to reduce peak water usage from the current levels". Microsoft said Thursday it is working directly with the water works to address its feedback. **AP**

BITS & BYTES

MULTI-LINGUAL REDDIT



One online social discussion forum Reddit has allowed users to translate their posts into eight different languages.

Reddit users can now translate posts when viewing them on Reddit's iOS or Android apps or on the web while logged out, according to the company.

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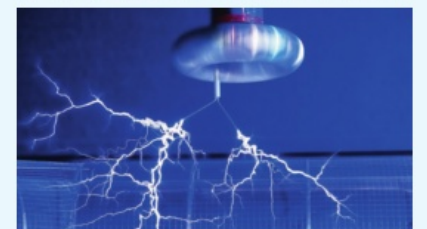
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The FAA has closed the mishap investigation into SpaceX's first orbital test flight in April. "The final report cites multiple root causes of the April 20, 2023, mishap and 63 corrective actions SpaceX must take to prevent mishap recurrence," the regulator said in a statement late on Friday. Corrective actions include redesigns of vehicle hardware to prevent leaks and fires; redesign of the launch pad to increase its robustness, incorporation of additional reviews in the design process and others. **IAN**

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JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday said that BJP veteran BS Yediyurappa's statements in connection with the BJP-JD (S) alliance are personal.

"Until now there is no discussion about seat sharing. But people do need a parallel force in the state and there is internal bickering within the

Congress," he said. He said that "we met a few times cordially and we will see what will happen in the coming days". On the charge of Congress that two desperate parties who can't win elections are joining hands, he said that discussions are going on between the two parties. "We are coming together to go before the people,"

he said. "People need it. They require the alternative in the backdrop of misdeeds by the Congress government in the last three months. People are watching all developments," he said. When asked about many JD (S) leaders quitting the party, Kumaraswamy said that there is no problem. "I joined hands with BJP in

2006 and the entire state appreciated my stint as the Chief Minister for 20 months," he said. Kumaraswamy said that there is still time for the merger. Speaking to reporters after attending a special worship, Kumaraswamy said he won't talk about the alliance between BJP and his party at this juncture.

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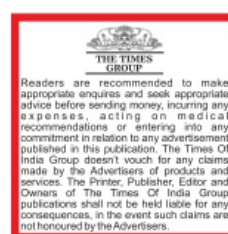
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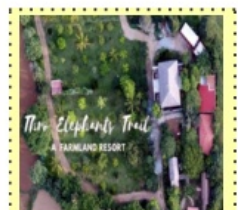
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ADHD risks

Mental health

As per the new study published in the open-access journal BMJ Mental Health, hyperactivity disorder, commonly known as ADHD, is a separate risk factor for a number of common and significant mental health issues.

Be vigilant

The researchers advise health practitioners to be vigilant in an effort to prevent these diseases from developing later on because it is linked to significant depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, the eating disorder anorexia nervosa, and suicide attempts.

What is ADHD?

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental condition in children and teens that extends into adulthood in up to around two-thirds of cases. Worldwide, its prevalence is estimated to be around 5 per cent in children/teens and 2.5 per cent in adults. ADHD has been linked to mood and anxiety disorders in observational studies, but it's not known if it's causally associated with other mental ill health.

Causal link

There was no evidence for a causal link between ADHD and bipolar disorder, anxiety, or schizophrenia, the results of the analysis showed. There was evidence for a causal link with a heightened risk of anorexia nervosa (28 per cent) and evidence that ADHD was both caused (9 per cent heightened risk) and was caused (76 per cent heightened risk), by major clinical depression.

Monitor patients

"This study opens insights into the paths between psychiatric disorders. In clinical practice, patients with ADHD should be monitored for the psychiatric disorders included in this study and preventive measures should be initiated if needed," they write.

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TOMATO AND TOFU SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- Tomatoes
- Tofu
- Basil
- Cinnamon stick
- Ginger
- Star anise
- Vegetable oil
- Sugar
- Salt

METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan.
- Add cinnamon stick and star anise. Add mashed ginger.
- Now add roughly chopped tomatoes. Cover and cook.
- Halfway through add basil. Cover and cook on sim till tomatoes are soft and mushy. Add seasoning.
- Fine strain Serve hot with tofu



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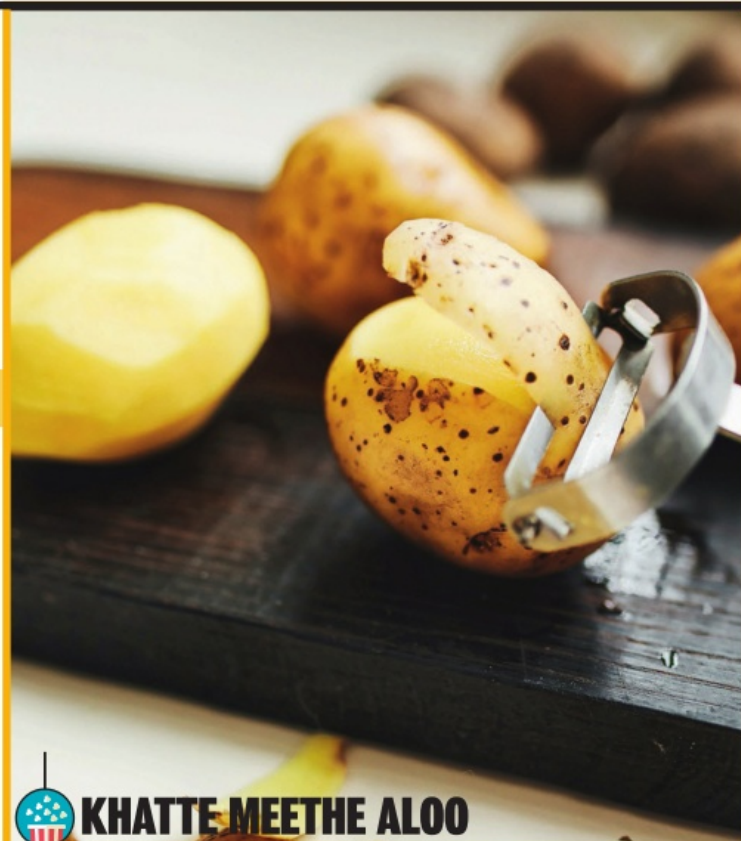


METHOD

- Blanch the green peas.
- Put olive oil in a pan, add black cumin to it.
- Then add green peas and sauté it till the green peas are dry. Take it out of heat and let it cool.
- When it's cool, add boiled and mashed potatoes, chopped coriander, chopped ginger, salt and green chilli. Mix the above ingredients well and make tikki.
- Take oil in a fry pan and stir fry the tikkis. Serve hot with sauce or mint chutney

INGREDIENTS

- Green Peas
- Potato Pahari
- Ginger Chopped
- Green Chilli
- Olive Oil
- Coriander Leaves
- Chilli Powder
- Black Cumin
- Salt to taste



KHATTE MEETHE ALOO

INGREDIENTS

- Potatoes boiled
- Desi ghee
- Cumin seeds
- Turmeric
- Fresh anardana
- Sendha salt
- Green chillies
- Ginger
- Fresh coriander lemon juice

METHOD

- Heat ghee in a pan
- Crackle cumin seeds, add potatoes and stir fry for two three minutes
- Add remaining ingredients except anar and lemon
- Stir fry for another 2 minutes
- Finish with fresh anardana and lemon juice, Serve hot.

KARELA SEEKH KEBAB

INGREDIENTS

- Ghee
- Cumin seed
- Garlic chopped
- Ginger chopped
- Bittergourd grated
- Beans chopped
- Spinach chopped
- Grated potato
- Black pepper
- Almonds crushed
- Khoya
- Corn
- Roasted gram flour
- Salt as required

METHOD

- Put desi ghee in the cooking pan Add cumin seeds, garlic, ginger and sauté till golden brown. Add karela, beans, potatoes,

black pepper and salt. Let it cook for about a couple of minutes. Then add almonds, khoya, and corn.

- Now add roasted gram flour to make the mixture into dough..
- Settle the dough on the tandoor rod for roasting and put it inside the tandoor. Once roasted, serve with mint and chilli chutney.



G20 countries agree to increase clean energy ...but reach no deal on phasing out fossil fuels

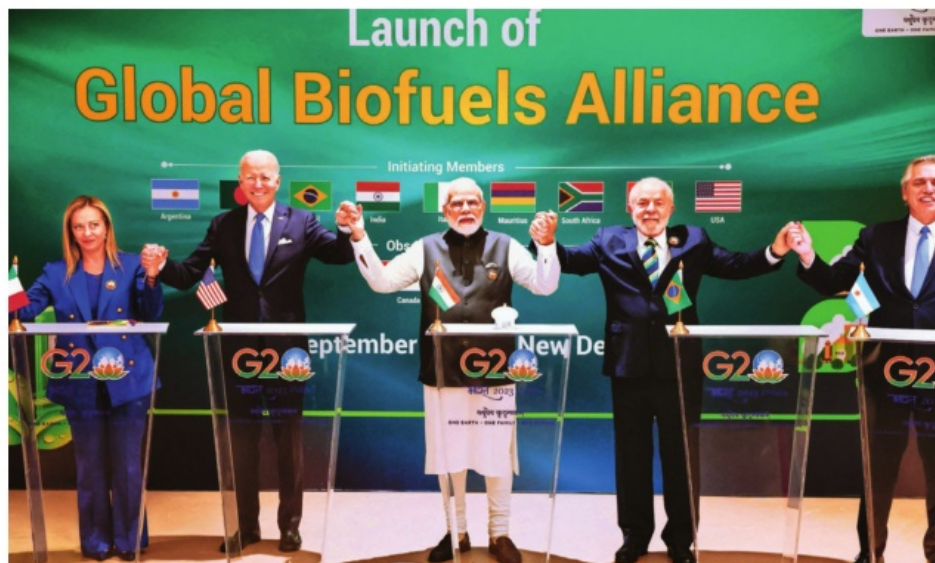
#NEW DELHI

G20 leaders agreed Saturday to triple renewable energy and try to increase the funds for climate change-related disasters but maintained the status quo with regards to phasing out carbon spewing coal.

At a news conference shortly after the leaders of the Group of 20 of the world's biggest economies — which also emit 80% of all planet-warming gases — announced the agreement, Amitabh Kant, a senior Indian government official leading some of the G20 negotiations, called it "probably the most vibrant, dynamic and ambitious document on climate action."

While most climate and energy experts were not as ebullient, they agreed that the G20 leaders had put out a strong message on climate action, even as the world is seeing increasingly frequent natural disasters such as extreme heat. Even at the last meeting of the G20 climate ministers before the summit, disagreements had remained.

Global leaders and climate experts say the declaration had largely taken the conversation forward, setting the stage for an ambitious climate agreement when they meet at the global climate conference, COP28, in Dubai later this year. "These 20 countries account for 80% of global emissions, so this declaration



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, US President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez at the launch of the Global Biofuels Alliance at the G20 summit in New Delhi

sends a powerful signal for climate progress," said Sultan al-Jaber, who will preside over the climate summit in Dubai.

Some climate activists said more could be done.

"While the G20's commitment to renewable energy targets is commendable, it side-steps the root cause — our global dependency on fossil fuels," said Harjeet Singh of Climate Action Network International.

According to a report by Global Energy Monitor, an organization that tracks a variety of energy projects around

the world, the G20 countries are home to 93% of global operating coal power plants and 88% of new proposed coal power plants that don't have carbon capture technologies.

"It's high time for rich nations in this group to lead by example, turn their promises into actions, and help forge a greener, more equitable future for all," said Singh, who has tracked international climate negotiations for over two decades.

For the first time, the G20 countries agreed on the amounts required to shift to

clean energy. The document states that \$5.9 trillion is need up to 2030 by developing countries to meet their climate goals. An additional \$4 trillion will be needed every year until the end of the decade if developing countries are to reach net zero emissions by 2050, it said.

"This G20 has seen many firsts," said Madhura Joshi, a Mumbai-based energy analyst with the climate think tank E3G. "However, it's disappointing that the G20 could not agree on phasing down fossil fuels."

-AP

Arrested TDP chief seeks lawyers' team

#VIJAYAWADA

Arrested TDP chief and Andhra Pradesh opposition leader N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday asked the CID to allow him to use the services of a four-member legal team.

Naidu wrote a letter addressed to the investigation officer, Economic Offences Wing (EOW) — II, CID in this regard, referring to case number 29/2021 in which he was arrested for his alleged role in the Skill Development Corporation scam. "I am herewith informing that I need the following advocates assistance in the matter," wrote Naidu, naming senior counsel and former Advocate

General Dammalapati Srinivas and three others.

Senior counsel Posani Venkateswarlu, advocate M Lakshminarayana and advocate Javvaji Sarath Chandra are part of the legal team.

To further bolster Naidu's defence in the court, TDP has flown in Supreme Court lawyer Siddharth Luthra, a party source told PTI.

Meanwhile, Nara Lokesh, Naidu's son and TDP general secretary, who cut short his padayatra (political walkathon) has reached the CID office at Kunchanapalli in Vijayawada, where Naidu is being probed. He was accompanied by his mother Nara Bhuvaneshwari and other relatives.

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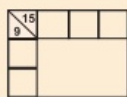
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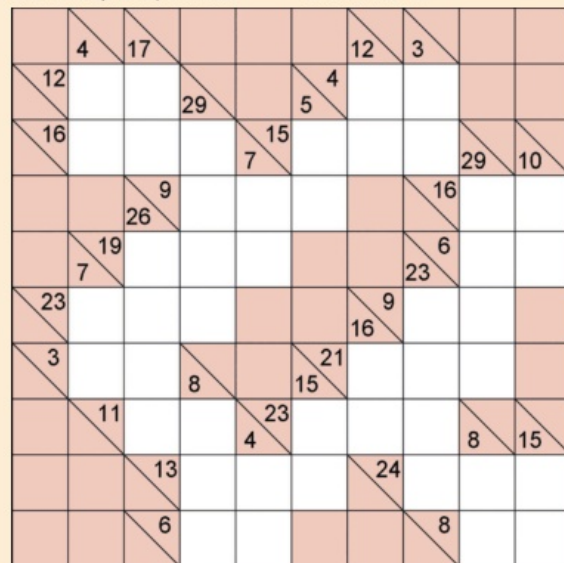
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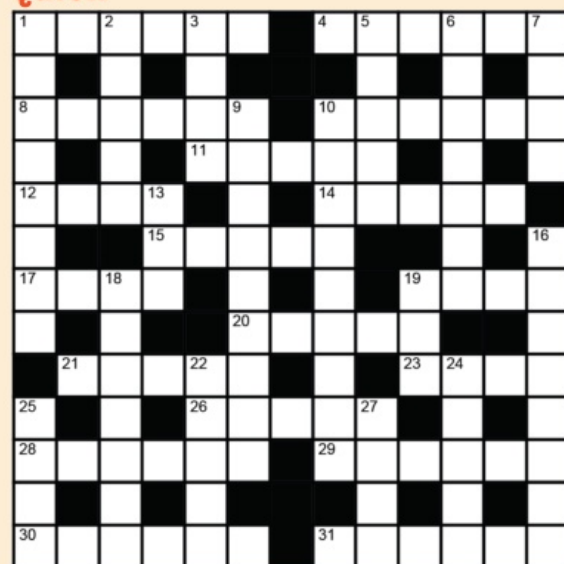
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9. Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Fall asleep (3,3)
- 4 Revised copies (6)
- 8 A unit of astronomical distance - "capers" anagram? (6)
- 10 ___ said than done? (6)
- 11 Arm joint (5)
- 12 ___ with : trifles with ? (4)
- 14 Excessive (5)
- 15 Happening (5)
- 17 Goal keeping feat (4)
- 19 Catch sight of (4)
- 20 Namely (2,3)
- 21 Pilasters formed at the terminations of a wall? (5)
- 23 Peddle or vend (4)
- 26 Consecrate (5)
- 28 Ice-cream dessert (6)
- 29 On ___ : at work or in the course of doing the work? (3,3)

- 30 Crude, unrefined (6)
- 31 Simple organisms with tube-shaped bodies (6)

DOWN

- 1 Giving jobs to relatives (8)
- 2 Soiled or foul (5)
- 3 At large (4)
- 5 Flood, sink or drench? (5)
- 6 Languages (7)
- 7 Dreadful, terrible (4)
- 9 Customer-base (9)
- 10 Karnataka lies on India's ___ - ___ coast (5-4)
- 13 Spot (3)
- 16 Curriculum (8)
- 18 Wine merchant (7)
- 19 U.F.O. pilots (3)
- 22 Humble or shame (5)
- 24 Have a good time ? (5)
- 25 Italian noble family (4)
- 27 Go away! (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS G
KFNVN TE JOSB JOV QG-
SZGMSV KFTOC TO GNK: KFN
KFTOC BJZ XGOOJK VHDGTO.



Linemaro

I wish I was your mirror



Mindchow

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better



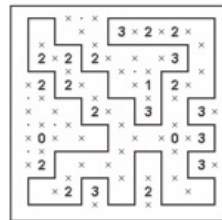
Joke of the day

If I want your opinion, I'll ask you to fill out the necessary forms

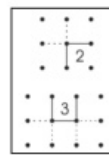
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

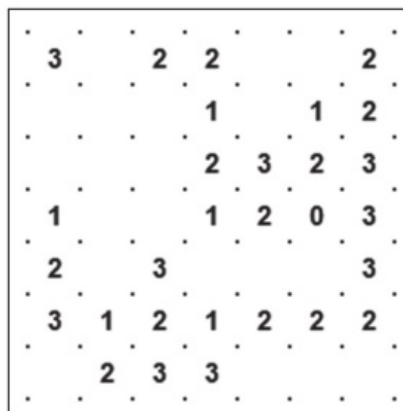


(Fig B)
Not Allowed

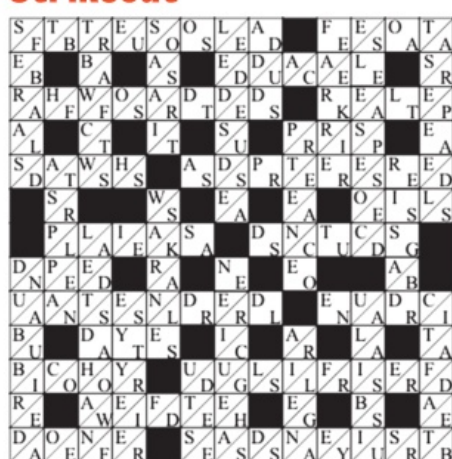
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



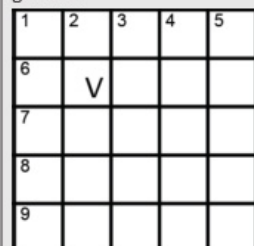
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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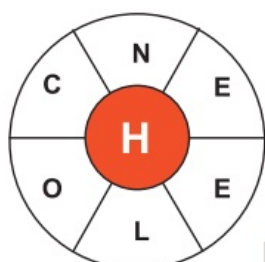
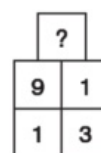
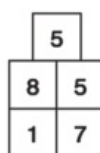
- 1 Sod do; 6 Civet;
- 7 Cento; 8 Galea;
- 9 Id Elf

DOWN

- 1 Faced; 2 Olio V;
- 3 Gen id; 4 Lacto;
- 5 Ed set

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

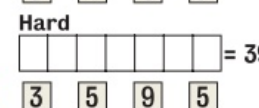
□ □ □ □ □ = 2

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 7

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 39



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Star is moved. 2. Doorknob is smaller. 3. Hat is larger. 4. Magazine cover is different. 5. Door is not as wide. 6. Diploma is lower.

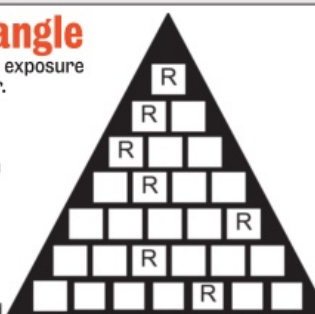
Riddler

Eight in a row, with nowhere to go, except for the two who can jump straight through. Eight out in front, not one a runt. Across the range, to make a change. By foot or by horse, they stay the course. Till the victory is won, And the battle is done. What does this represent?

Alpha triangle

- 1 A unit of radiation exposure
- 2 Rugby Union, abbr.
- 3 Lament
- 4 Genuine
- 5 Complete
- 6 Shelled amphibian
- 7 Completely

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

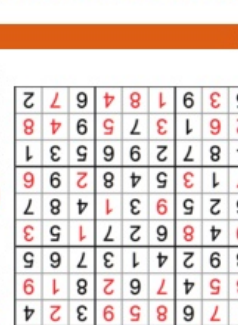
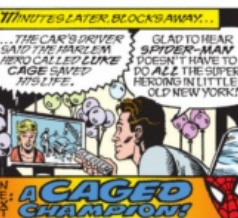
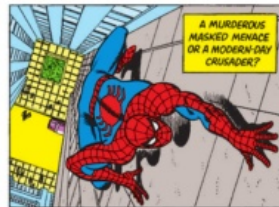
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocity for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.



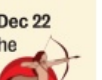
Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you are blessed by Jupiter. That may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are also decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you are blessed by the moon; it's a good day for you. You have good vitality, you may enjoy work, and you may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project, and your perfection may help you design the flow chart. Job seekers will find suitable jobs. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic lives. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may not feel better; old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may be enthusiastic. That may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions, which will increase your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnership. An investment in the fixed assets with the business partner is not advised.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now, which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your network.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to make good gains on your past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions in terms of work, which may give you good gains in the near future.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. The amount, which was stuck somewhere, is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan to buy some stuff related to luxury.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you. You may make some difficult decisions in business with the help of your colleagues.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you may be busy at work, but with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.



KIDZONE



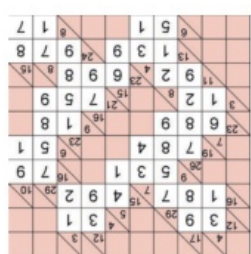
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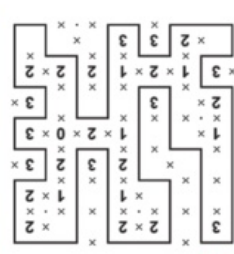
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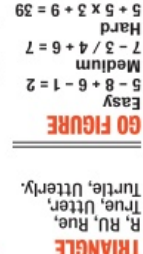
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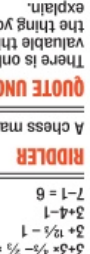
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS & COWS



RIDDLE

Special wish

Actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra shared a special wish for her husband Raj Kundra on his birthday and expressed how perfect he is for her.

Taking to Instagram, Shilpa posted a cute video feature herself and Raj Kundra. In the video, the couple can be seen walking amid the beautiful backdrop.

Sharing the video, he wrote, "Gifting you a mirror this birthday, so you can see what I see... someone funny, kind, considerate, and loving! A beautiful soul that's perfect for me. HapppppYYYYYYYY birthdaaayyyy, my Cookie! Stay protected, happy, and blessed."

Recently, the couple offered prayers at the Bagalmukhi Mata temple in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Shilpa tied the knot with businessman Raj Kundra on November 22, 2009. In May 2012, the two became parents to a son Viaan. And in February 2020 the couple welcomed Samisha, who was born via surrogacy.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shilpa will be next seen in the upcoming film 'Sukhee' which is all set to hit the theatres on September 22. On Wednesday, Shilpa treated fans to the film's trailer, which gave a sneak peek into the life of Sukhee (played by Shilpa), a dedicated housewife. However, her monotonous routine takes a turn when she decides to break free from her prosaic life and voyages to Delhi to attend her school reunion with her friends. Kusha Kapila plays the role of Shilpa's best friend in the film, while Chaitannya Choudhry essays the role of Shilpa's husband.

The film deals with patriarchy and women's empowerment with a dash of comedy.

Sharing the trailer's link, Shilpa took to Instagram and wrote, "Get

ready to experience the joy of being Sukhee! #SukheeTrailer Out Now."

The movie marks the directorial debut of Sonal Joshi and is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Vikram Malhotra and Shikhaa Sharma. It stars Shilpa Shetty in a never-seen-before avatar along with Kusha Kapila, Dilnaz Irani and Pavleen Gujral

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Love story

Richa Chadha's act as Bholi Punjaban in the Fukrey series has to be one of the most loved characters in the actress's long repertoire of characters. She will be reprising the role for the third time in Fukrey 3. The film is also a special one as it was during the filming of the first part she met her now husband Ali Fazal.

The duo got married in an intimate wedding in Lucknow, last year after knowing each other for nearly a decade.

The actress recently walked down the memory lane of how she met with Ali on the sets. In a conversation with News18, the actress revealed that she and Ali used to hang out a lot and would meet once every month, this was back in 2013. They would keep on meeting each other one way or the other, be it screenings or over meals at a friend's place. After hanging out so much they realised that they could go out for a date to two and see what happens next and that is how the ball

started rolling.

She also revealed that she didn't tell anyone of the cast members of the film with whom she shares a very close bond, her reason being she felt that Manjot would feel jealous as he was single back then. She added that Manjot is permanently single (laughs).

Of all the original cast members, it is Ali Fazal won't be part of reprising his role as he had to choose between Fukrey 3 and Mirzapur 3 and he chose Mirzapur 3. But if there is any possibility of him making a guest appearance in the film, Richa was quick to reply in negative. She mentioned that in the last film, he gets married to a character named Neetu Ma'am and is on his honeymoon in Goa. So she doesn't know if he has a cameo in the film.

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LOW PROFILE

Katrina wants to avoid overexposure before her upcoming movie

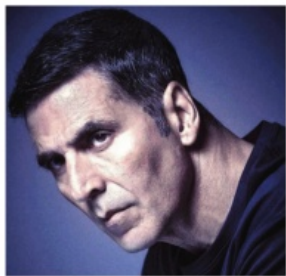
Katrina Kaif wants to avoid overexposure before Tiger 3. Katrina Kaif over the years has emerged as one of the most hard working and competent performers in the entertainment industry. Her fan following on Instagram is a sure sign of how famous she is. The actress though has been keeping a low profile off late. Besides acting she also has her beauty and make-up brand to take care of but insiders feel that her staying away from the media is a planned move.

The actress who has been part of the movie business for more than 15 years, got married to her husband Vicky Kaushal in 2021 and posted that she has had only one release in Phone Bhoot. The film also starred Siddhant Chaturvedi and Ishaan Khatter and the film failed to do magic at the box office. Since then the actress has been shooting for two films, one being the third installment of the Tiger series called Tiger 3 where she will be reprising the role of Zoya with Salman Khan. Another is Merry Christmas with Vijay Sethupathi, which is directed by Sriram Raghavan after Andhadhun.

Now as per a report by Bollywood Life, Katrina who was last spotted at a private screening for the cast and crew of Jawan at Yash Raj Studios is staying away from the media on purpose. The report claims that after a very long time, the actress has multiple releases in the same year and both are big ticket films as Tiger 3 takes the SPY universe story ahead and Merry Christmas will be released in Hindi and Tamil as two separate films. So she is avoiding getting overexposed in the time being as she will need to be out and about during promotions of both these films.

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Birthday treat



While he celebrates his 56th birthday, Akshay Kumar also teased his fans with an exciting glimpse into the much-anticipated film 'Welcome to the Jungle' (Welcome 3). The unveiling of the teaser stirred the excitement of both the cast and crew, who united to participate in a special 'Capella video' released by the makers.

At the forefront of this star-studded ensemble stands the multifaceted Akshay Kumar. Joining him are an illustrious group of seasoned actors, including Sanjay Dutt, Suniel Shetty, Arshad Warsi, Paresi Rawal, Johnny Lever, Rajpal Yadav, Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade, Krushna Abhishek, Kiku Sharda, Daler Mehndi, Mika Singh, Rahul Dev, Mukesh Tiwari, Sharib Hashmi, Inaamulhaq, Zakir Hussain, and Yashpal Sharma. Adding to the film's allure are the accomplished actresses Raveena Tandon, Lara Dutta, Jacqueline Fernandez, Disha Patani, and the youthful and dynamic Vrihi Kodvara.

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